Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana

A Division of the



Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Rush

LCC: The Local Coordinating Council for Safe and Drug

Free Schools and Communities

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: "To create a broad-based chemical abuse prevention program through enhancement of self esteem, intervention and education methods, rehabilitation alternatives, and a community-wide network of communication."

History: In 1990, as a result of then Governor Evan Bayh's initiative to battle Indiana's fight against alcohol and other drug problems each county in Indiana was designated a local coordination council to address substance abuse issues at the local level. At that time Bob Pychinka was asked to lead the Rush County Local Coordinating Council. This was and continues to be an unpaid position. **No LCC Director from Rush County has ever been salaried—all members, board directors, etcetera, are volunteers.**

Representatives from the schools, mental health services, law enforcement and related judiciary officials, began meeting regularly to implement strategies for combating substance abuse in Rush County. Outlying towns in Rush County are also served by the council. These towns include Arlington, Mays, Milroy and Glenwood. The Board of Directors is comprised of law enforcement, educators, social services, health services and community representatives. They regularly attend the monthly meetings.

Rush County (population 18,028) is located in east central Indiana, 46 miles southeast of the state capital, Indianapolis. Rushville is the county seat. Rush County was organized in 1821 and named after Dr. Benjamin Rush, a Revolutionary War physician.

Rush County has an unemployment rate of 4.4%. The personal income per capita is \$26, 374 with the median household income being \$40,091. The poverty rate is 8.6%. Among children under 18, the poverty rate is 11.3%. Reported school enrollment is 2,733, of which 810 students receive free and reduced lunch. 137 students (2005) have gone on to higher education.

Population estimates by Race or Hispanic origin (2004) are as follows:

American Indian/Alaska Native Al	one 10
Asian alone	107
Black alone	123
Native Hawaiian	0
White alone	17,676
Two or More Races	112
Non Hispanic or Latino	17,914
Hispanic/Latino	114



Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: The Rush County Local Coordinating Council is committed to the reduction of alcohol and drug related incidents by forming alliances among our county's agencies and resources in order to maximize our efforts to battle alcohol and drug use at a local level.

The LCC members have determined our county's problem statements to be:

- (1) Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among the youth in Rush County continue to be at or above the state norms.
- (2) Rush County, population 18,028, only has one facility that offers a full rnge of affordable, accessible intervention, treatment and aftercare resources and programs available.
- (3) Law enforcement and justice programs in Rush County continue to experience an increase in the number of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug related cases.
- (4) Impaired driving continue to have a negative impact on Indiana's traffic accidents and fatalities.

These problem statements are the result of collaboration among law enforcement, education, health, mental health and probation departments and other participating members of our local coordinating council.

In order to receive funding, the request must be related to the prevention/education of the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, the intervention/treatment of the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, or be related to the justice/enforcement of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. After the solicitation of funds and the following discussion, a vote among the members is taken to either approve or deny the request for funds. Programs that are funded by the LCC do give program updates at the monthly meetings. The total amount of designated funds for allocation January through December 2005 was \$15,000.00



Membership List

County LCC Name: Rush County Local Coordinating Council for Safe and Drug Free Schools

Name	Organizatio	Race	Gender	Category
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Diana Arnold	RES	Caucasian	F	Education
Paul Barada	Prosecutor	Caucasian	M	Government
Bob Bridges	Mayor	Caucasian	M	Government
Karen Brown	Mays Elementary	Caucasian	F	Education
Phil Caziness	Deputy Prosecutor	Caucasian	M	Government
Dennis Chambers	Asst. Superintende nt	Caucasian	M	Education
Kent CLark	Fire Department	Caucasian	M	Government
Mark CLick	Sherriff's Dept	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
Catherine Custer	Probation	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
Joyce Darnell	School Nurse	Caucasian	F	Education
Frank Denzler	Newspaper	Caucasian	M	Media
Mark Fields	Probation	Caucasian	F	Law Enforcement
Tony Fudge	Chief of Police	Caucasian	M	Law Enforcement
John Gasser	New Insight Family Therapy	Caucasian	M	Treatment
Judge Harcourt	Circuit Court	Caucasian	F	Judiciary
Cindy Harcourt	Harcourt Mental Health	Caucasian	F	Treatment
Deb Hummell	Rush Memorial	Caucasian	F	Medical
Tammy Jackman	Tobacco Grant Administrato r	Caucasian	F	Tobacco Grant Admin



Joe Jarman	RCSD	Caucasian	M	Law
Jue Jai Illali	KCSD	Caucasian	141	Enforcement
Jean Kopf	BRMS	Caucasian	F	Education
Barb Kuhn	RCVA	Caucasian	F	Intervention
Maggie Lewis	Community	African-	F	Government
Maggie Lewis	Consultant	American	F	Government
Cucia I whha	Dunn Mental	Caucasian	M	Treatment
Craig Lubbe		Caucasian	IVI	Treatment
Ann Magas	Health	Caucasian	F	Education
Ann Megee	Arlington	Caucasian	F	Education
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Cheryl Miller	RCHS	Caucasian		
Faith Mock	RCHS	Caucasian	F	SADD
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Douglas	general	Caucasian	M	Medical
Morell, M.D.	practioner		3.5	
John Mull	ICJI	Caucasian	M	Law
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Judge	Superior	Caucasian	M	Judiciary
Northam	Court			_
Jim Owen	Sheriff	Caucasian	M	Law
	_			Enforcement
Mark	Asst.	Caucasian	M	Education
Scheidler	Principal,			
	RCHS			
Nancy	Principal, St.	Caucasian	F	Education
Schroeder	Mary's School			
Al Shelton	Fire	Caucasian	M	Government
	Department			
Sue Lebo	Principal,	Caucasian	F	Education
	Milroy			
Scott Stevens	Principal,	Caucasian	M	Education
	RES			
Marla	Principal,	Caucasian	F	Education
Stevens	BRMS			
Ronda Sweet	Smoking	Caucasian	F	TAP/TEG
	Cessation			program
				instructor
Chris Tillet	Principal,	Caucasian	M	Education
	Arlington			
	School			
Dan Turner	Family &	Caucasian	M	Child
	Children			Protection
	Services			
Chet Walker	Boys & Girls	Caucasian	M	Civic
	Club Director			



Problem Identification

Problem Statement #1: Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among the youth in Rush County continue to be at or above the state norms.

Supportive Data:

- Recent information from the 2005 Indiana Prevention Resource Center states the following:
- Although teen drug use continues to decline nationally among 10th and 12th graders, the decline among 8th graders has slowed to a halt;
- Half of high school students have tried an illicit drug at least once by the time they finish high school. In 2005, national proportions of having tried any illicit drug in their lifetime were 21% for 8th graders, 38% for 10th graders, and 50% for 12th graders;
- After a substantial decline over several years, the annual use of inhalants has increased between 2002 and 2005.
- Statistically significant findings from the 2003 Indiana Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use survey include:
- Lifetime prevalence rates were lower than state rates for cigars (8th and 9th), pipe (8th and 12th), marijuana (8th, 9th, and 12th), inhalants (8th, 9th and 10th), amphetamines (12th), tranquilizers (9th), and narcotics (12th). Lifetime prevalence rates were higher than state rates for cigarette smoking (6th, 8th and 11th), cigars (6th), smokeless tobacco (7th), alcohol (6th), and marijuana (7th).
- The Rush County Probation Department reports that 45% of the juvenile caseload is alcohol or drug related. This is a 14% jump up from last year. (31% in 2004)
- A report provided by Rushville Consolidated High School's random drug testing program shows that 22 (10%) students out of a pool of 220 have tested positive for nicotine, marijuana or opiates. This is a slight decrease from the previous years' report. (24 out of 213 students (11.26%) tested positive for drugs/tobacco in 2004.



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Objectives: Support prevention/education programs provided through the schools and other community organizations, with an emphasis on prevention strategies through programs such as:

- Fund early elementary education programs such as: "Danger Zone: Steer Clear of Drugs, "Organ Trail," "Know What? Smoking Stinks," and "Drugs R Dumb."
- Fund the anti-drug lecture series including various presenters to county elementary students.
- Fund the "Kick Butts" tobacco prevention program that has been integrated into the school health curriculum.
- Continue to support and educate students through the Puppet Prevention Program, a puppet program that targets elementary youth and warns of the dangers of tobacco, and addiction.
- Increase general public awareness of local issues related to substance abuse reduction efforts and programs.
- Fund local advertising in the high school newspaper and yearbook and at home athletic events to promote awareness.
- Indiana Prevention Resource Center Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Survey will be given corporation wide to students in grades 6 through 12. The results will then be published in the local paper in order to increase public awareness of our county's teen substance use issues.
- Support tobacco education/prevention and cessation programs for youth and adults.



- Helpful or Harmful? a puppet presentation about tobacco for prekindergarten through first grades performed by the middle school peer coaches.
- Fund Puppet Presentations for and by Arlington Elementary 6th graders.
- Assist with the Tar Wars Program, a smoking prevention program targeted at elementary youth.
- Assist in funding KICK BUTTS, a high school anti-smoking campaign.
- Participate in state and national education/awareness campaigns such as Red Ribbon Week, Aids Awareness Day, The Great American Smokeout, Tar Wars, etc..
- Actively participate in the Red Ribbon Week campaign.

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Goals: Annually decrease ATOD use among youth by 5%.



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Problem Statement #2: Rush County, population 18,028, only has one facility that offers a full range of affordable, accessible intervention, treatment and aftercare resources and programs available.

Supportive Data:

- There are no NA meetings that take place in Rush County.
- There are no ALATEEN meetings that take place in Rush County.
- There are zero inpatient treatment facilities that accept alcohol/drug addictions patients in Rush County. Probation must make inpatient referrals out of the county.
- There is one available AA (night) meeting a week. The Probation Department reports that this causes a strain on the individuals who are court-ordered to attend AA meetings whose work schedule does not permit them to attend the night meeting. They are forced to attend meetings in other counties.
- The Rush County Substance Abuse Prevention Program meetings have been erratic due to building code issues and have since ceased all meetings.
- Dunn Mental Health Center (which does use a sliding scale) is only equipped to do alcohol and drug assessments one day a week and if the caseload is booked they must refer persons seeking addictions help to facilities outside of the county. The caseload is often at capacity and people are referred elsewhere.



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Objectives:

Work with local hospital to develop inpatient and outpatient treatment options for substance abuse patients.

- Partner with TAP/TEG -will offfer smoking cessation classes, held at Rush Memorial Hospital.
- Support the development of self-help support groups for teens and adults in Rush County.
- Increase funding for VIP teen support group that meets weekly at the high school.
- Financially assist the sponsor of SADD, a high school group that meets regularly and offers support and numerous activities for peers at the high school level.
- Provide in-kind services for the Anger Management support groups that meet in the elementary schools and at the middle school.
- Provide in kind services for Family Ties a teen support group that meets regularly at the middle school.
- Work with local mental health centers to develop a family intervention program and market it through local churches and employers.
- Provide financial assistance to families or individuals in need of metal health services.
- Support local teen clubs and organizations that promote alcohol, tobacco and drug education, awareness and interventions.
- Provide financial assistance to SADD high school group.



- Provide financial assistance to PHAF (Peer Helpers and Facilitators) trained high school students who have committed to alcohol and drug free lifestyles to mentor middle school youth.
- Provide finanacial assistance to Peer Coaching, trained eighth grade students who commit to drug free lifestyles and to mentor elementary students.

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Goals: Increase funds and resources available to families and individuals seeking treatment for ATOD by 5%.



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Problem Statement #3: Law enforcement and justice programs in Rush County continue to experience an increase in the number of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug related cases.

Supportive Data:

- The 2005 report from the Rush County Sheriff's Department details the bookings into the Rush County Jail made from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005:
- Sale of cocaine: 4
- Sale of marijuana: 5
- Possession of marijuana: 58
- Possession of anhydrous ammonia: 3
- Sale of scheduled drugs: 3
- Possession of crack cocaine/meth: 18
- Possession of a controlled substance: 9
- Possession of paraphernalia: 22
- Alcohol related arrests include:
- Public intoxication: 79
- Minor in possession: 1



- DUI at .08 or better: 8DUI at .15 or better: 20
- DUI w/controlled substance: 11
- Operating while intoxicated: 92
- Second Offense DUI: 20
- Operating while intoxicated causing serious bodily injury: 2
- Operating while intoxicated refusal: 1
- Driving under the influence: 21
- Total arrests for alcohol and drug related offenses number 377. This in an increased number of arrests when compared to the previous year. (335 total arrests in 2004)
- Information provided by the Rush County Probation Office states that there are 308 active probate cases that are alcohol and or drug related cases.
- 60% of the adult probation cases are alcohol and/or drug related. This is up 1% from the previous year. (59% in 2004)
- 45% the juvenile probation caseload is alcohol or drug related. This shows an increase in the juvenile probation cases from the previous year. (31% in 2004)
- This statistical data provided by the probation department shows a 1% increase in the adult atod caseload. However, this data shows a 14% increase in the juvenile atod caseload.

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Objectives:

- Research funding opportunities for the development of drug courts for both adults and teens.
- Advocate for additional training for officers and justice personnel related to substance abuse issues and resources.



• Provide funds to purchase equipment and contribute funds for overtime hours for extra law enforcement patrols.

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- Advocate proven prevention programs and strategies to Rush County juveniles who are at risk for incarceration.
 Provide in-kind services for the Anger management programs, lead by licensed mental health providers in the schools.
- Collberate between Probation and Schools to enforce School modification behaviors. For example, a failing grade or truancy could result in approbation violation and the juvenile would be sent to a detention center for the weekend at the cost of the parent.
- Assist state and local agencies with assessing and monitoring atod use.
- Advocate for the continuance of the random drug testing program at the high school.
- Will provide financial assistance to law enforcement and justice programs for the acquisition of equipment, training related to alcohol and substance abuse.

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Goals: To reduce the number of ATOD cases handled by law enforcement and/or justice programs by 5%.



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Problem Statement #4: Impaired driving continues to have a negative impact on Indiana's traffic accidents and fatalities.

Supportive Data:

- Data gathered from the Indiana Prevention Resource Center states that in 2005, more than one in five high school students reported riding with a drunk driver during the previous year.
- The Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving 2002 Annual report published the most recent statistics on impaired driving on Indiana's roads. The report states that Indiana has experienced a 1.9% decrease in alcohol related crashes and a 21% decrease in alcohol related fatalities.
- In 2005, there were 2 personal injury reports due to impaired driving according to Rush County law enforcement records. This is a decreased number of personal injuries due to impaired driving. (18 personal injuries in 2004)
- In 2005 there were no traffic fatalities attributed to impaired driving. This is a decreased number of fatal accidents. (3 alcohol related traffic fatalities last year). This data collected in Rush County supports the State's decline in alcohol related crashes and alcohol related fatalities.



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Objectives:

- Provide resources for law enforcement to apprehend drunk drivers.
- Provide financial aid for law enforcement patrols to combat impaired driving.
- Provide financial aid for necessary equipment or training for law enforcement.
- Actively promote public education efforts for pre-teen and teen drivers related to impaired driving. Promote programs such as SADD's Project KISS (Keep it a Safe Spring Break) aimed at discouraging teen drinking and driving, Little Red Driving Hood-a middle school program that illustrates the dangers of drunk driving. This program is integrated into the seventh grade health curriculum.
- Fund Project Lead (Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency)- a program aimed at middle school youth lead by various law enforcement and judiciary figures to educate the middle school youths.



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Problem Statement #5: Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among adults in Rush County continue to be prevalent in Rush County.

Supportive Data:

- The Rush County Probations Department reports 308 active cases. 60% of their adult caseload is alcohol or drug related. This shows a slight increase in the number of adult probation cases. (59% in 2004)
- Rushville City Police logs and the Rush County Sheriff's Department records show a combined number of 377 alcohol and drug related arrests in 2005. These records indicate an increased number of alcohol and drug related arrests in comparison to the previous year. (335 alcohol/drug related arrests in 2004)
- The city arrest breakdowns are as follows: sale of cocaine/narcotic (1), sale of marijuana/hash (3), possession of marijuana/hash (19), common nuisance (12), controlled substance registration violation (1), possession of anhydrous (5), possession of cocaine/meth/narcotics (7), possession of controlled substance (5), manufacturing/paraphernalia (1), possession of paraphernalia (10), and possession/use of lend drug (2). Alcohol related arrests for the city are: public intox (44), intox/common carrier (2), minor consumption/alcohol (18), furnishing alcohol to a minor (1), consumption of alcohol in vehicle (1), dui .08%(6), dui .15% (9), dui with controlled substance (4), owi (36) and DUI second offense (9).

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Objectives:

- Increase general public awareness of local issues related to substance abuse reduction efforts and programs.
- Distribute Comprehensive Community Plan to various community agencies and advertise in local public newspaper.
- Participate in state and national education/awareness campaigns.

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Goals: Annually decrease ATOD arrest among adults by 5%.



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Please attach the County's Fiscal Report for review!

Next Annual Update Due: March 2007

Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: March 2009

Date of Community Consultant Review: Feb. 27, 2006

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Terms and Conditions:

The information and data provided is presented as factual and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding the data submitted within the Plan. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a "denied approval" by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

Initials: JK



2005 Rush County LLC Budget

Prevention/Education		Amount Spent
PHAF SADD PEER Coaching DrugsR Dumb/SmokingStinl Creating Positive Relationsh School Anti-Drug Lecture Se Project Lead	ips 400	1515 2000 1243 400 400 275 925 539.83
Sub Total 7250 ADM Costs 333 Total	7583	Total 685.17 Unspent
Treatment/Intervention		
Pass Key Sub total ADM Costs	3000 3000 333	Did not do program—used funds to help purchase Drug Dog
Total	3333	All funds spent
Enforcement/Justice		
Rush County Sheriff's Depar Rushville City Police	rtment 1000 1000	1000 + 8000 extra appropriation from County for Drug Dog
Glenwood Town Marshall Equipment	1000	365.50
Sub Total	3000	Unspent 634.50
Total monies received 2005 \$23000 Total funds spent \$20263.33		

Total monies unspent 2005 \$2736.67

^{*} All monies requested was given. No grants were denied.